रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) और (ख) सेना के सभी कार्मिकों की सेवा निवृत्ति की आयु बढ़ाकर 58 वर्ष करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है क्योंकि ऐसा करना सेना का युवा स्वरूप बनाये रखने तथा उसकी युद्ध क्षमता को बरकरार रखने में बाधक होगा।

भारतीय नौसेना के लिए तीसरा विमान वाहक पोत

620. श्री अजीत जोगी :
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारतीय नौसेना के लिये एक तीसरे विमान वाहक पोत का निर्माण करने के लिये कोई निर्णय ले लिया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Standard code for data processing in Hindi

621. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any code for data processing in Hindi which is included in International standard codes along with English, Japanese etc.;

(b) whether India is being represented on the international code standardisation committee, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for changing the standard code for Hindi resulting into confusion among software developers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The draft proposal of the Indian Standard Code for Information Interchange (ISCII) prepared jointly by the Department of Electronics and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has been forwarded to the International Standards Organisation (ISO) for inclusion in their Standard along with other international languages.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The code standardisation activities were evolving from 1988 onwards. It is only in 1991 that an Indian standard for all Indian languages including Hindi is getting finalised, through the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Irrational drug policy of Government

622. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Drug manufacturers, chemists and druggists all over the country have threatened to cease work on August 26 in protest against irrational policy of Government towards the drugs and pharmaceutical industry; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Drug manufacturers, chemists and druggists went on strike on August 26 against certain demands made by them. The issues raised are under active consideration of the Government.

Development of Petrochemical Industry in Maharashtra

623. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the